

To the FCC:

I wish to comment on the Localism Notice of Inquiry. WMPG is the non-profit community radio station of Portland Maine, licensed to the University of Southern Maine. With the exception of 8 and a half hours weekly of nationally produced programming, we are hosted 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by local volunteers and paid staff. Of that time, the volunteers do all but the 6 hours of the programming done by the paid staff.

WMPG's mission statement is entirely focused on serving our local community and the underrepresented groups within it. We have shows on our air hosted by volunteers from the local Hispanic, Somali, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Serbian, Russian, and French communities. We have a locally produced show on gay and lesbian issues, part of 6 hours weekly of locally produced public affairs programming. Many of our DJ's feature local music on their programs, and our Friday night show Local Motives features them live in studio for an hour every week.

In short, we are incredibly involved in our local community, both in music and news/public affairs. BUT, we have a small paid staff, and one thing we definitely don't need is more paperwork or regulatory requirements. I understand the need to hold commercial broadcasting conglomerates accountable, but I would ask the commission to keep the bureaucratic load down to as low a level as possible. WMPG, community radio, is doing a great job of serving its local community. Please don't make it any harder for us to do so.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,
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